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SUBJ: AAFLI: RCIA- FIET BANK EMPLOYEES' SEMINAR AND SINGAPORE
FIET CONFERENCE

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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH AAFLI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PALADINO, INTUC
OFFICIALS DISCLOSED THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO SORT OUT
INTERNALLYQUESTION

OF REPRESENTATION OF BANK UNIONS AT SINGAPORE FIET CONFERENCE MAY
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TO 25. FACTIONAL CONFLICT FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE JNV- INDIA BANK EM-
PLOYEES' FEDERATION (AIBEF), ACCORDING TO INTUC OFFICIALS, CENTERED
AROUND V. N. SEKHRI, THE GENERAL SECRETARY, AND N. K. BHATT, THE
PRESIDENT, WHO IS ALSO ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF THE INTUC. INTUC
OFFICIALS SAID THEY BELIEVED BOTH BHATT AND SEKHRI MAY HAVE RE-
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CEIVED INVITATIONS TO SINGAPORE.

2. EMBASSY HAS INDICATIONS THAT OTHERS WITH SOME BANK UNION CONNECTIONS, E. G., R. N. BHARGAVA AND S. K. BANERJEE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RCIA (DAVID WADE) AND MAY BE SEEKING INVITATIONS FOR THEMSELVES FOR SINGAPORE CONFERENCE AS WELL. ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONS TO THEM WOULD ADD COMPLICATIONS TO ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

3. INTUC OFFICIALS ALSO INFORM EMBASSY THAT N. CHAKRAVORTY, GENERAL SECRETARY, ALL- INDIA NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES FEDERATION, NEW DELHI AND D. H. BUCH, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEES, BOMBAY (BOTH ARE INTUC ASSOCIATED FEDERATIONS) ALSO ATTENDING SINGAPORE CONFERENCE AND THAT PLANS ARE AFOOT FOR THEM TO

CHALLENGE (WITH BLESSING OF INTUC) CREDENTIALS OF SEKHRI AND BHATT, IF THEY SHOW UP IN SINGAPORE.

4. IN VIEW OF CONFLICTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT CREDENTIALS OF THOSE

WHO MAY WISH TO REPRESENT INDIAN BANK UNIONS AT SINGAPORE CONFERENCE, AND PRIMARY INTEREST OF INTUC IN SORTING OUR PROBLEM OF PROPER REPRESENTATION, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INFORM RCIA INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR O' KEEFE AS WELL AS AAFLI AND AFL- CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPART-

MENT THAT IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT DAVID WADE ON ARRIVAL IN NEW DELHI DISCUSS SITUATION WITH INTUC. UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, INTUC IN BEST POSITION TO INDICATE WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE PROPER AND ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION BANK UNIONS FROM INDIA.

5. LABOR COUNSELOR WILL BE DELIGHTED TO BRIEF WADE FULLY AS PER HIS REQUEST ON ARRIVAL IN DELHI, MAY 7.

6. FOR GABERONE: PLEASE PASS DAVID WADE, ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (ANU- CIO), SCHEDULED BE APRIL 23-28 AT HOLIDAY INN.

7. FOR NAIROBI: PGHASE PASS WADE SCHEDULED BE APRIL 28-30 AT NEW STANLEY HOTEL.

8. PALADINO INFORMED CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE.
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